

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 21-37, 40, and 42-56, without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please substitute for claims 38, 39, and 41 the following rewritten version of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

38. (Amended) A cell free medium obtained following growth of a microorganism transformed to express a DNA sequence encoding a fusion product in which hPTH(1-84) is fused at its N-terminus with a leader sequence, wherein:

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- (a) said leader sequence is cleavable by said microorganism upon production of said fusion product;
 - (b) said cell free medium comprises a PTH fraction; and
 - (c) said PTH fraction consists essentially of intact hPTH(1-84) molecules.

39. (Amended) The cell free medium according to claim 38, wherein the PTH fraction consists of intact hPTH(1-84) molecules.

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41. A method for obtaining intact hPTH(1-84), comprising

- (a) obtaining the cell free medium of claim 38; and
- (b) treating said medium to isolate intact hPTH(1-84).

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

By this amendment, claims 21-37, 40, and 42-56 are canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer thereof, and claims 38, 39, and 41 are amended. The cancellation of claims does not constitute acquiescence in the propriety of any rejection set forth by the Examiner, and Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the cancelled claims in this or another application. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 38, 39, and 40 will be pending in the application.